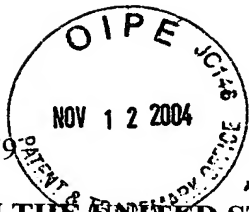


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IN RE THE APPLICATION OF

Michael Cole

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action of August 12, 2004, it is requested that the  
application be amended as follows: